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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		5,926,824	07/20/99	Hashimoto	707	520	
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